

Project costs

Sandstone repairs,
cleaning and sealing \$2500

White ceramic rectified
30x60cm wall tiles \$22/m²

Matt porcelain 40cmx40cm
floor tiles \$130/m²

Recycled glass mosaic
feature tiles \$440/m²

Custom-made vanity with
Caesarstone top
in Osprey \$3520

SunRay Comfort Heating
underfloor heating system,
plus installation \$1500

Fittings

Moda freestanding
178cm stone bath \$4500

Motivo bath spout \$1200

Moda stone countertop
vessels \$500/each

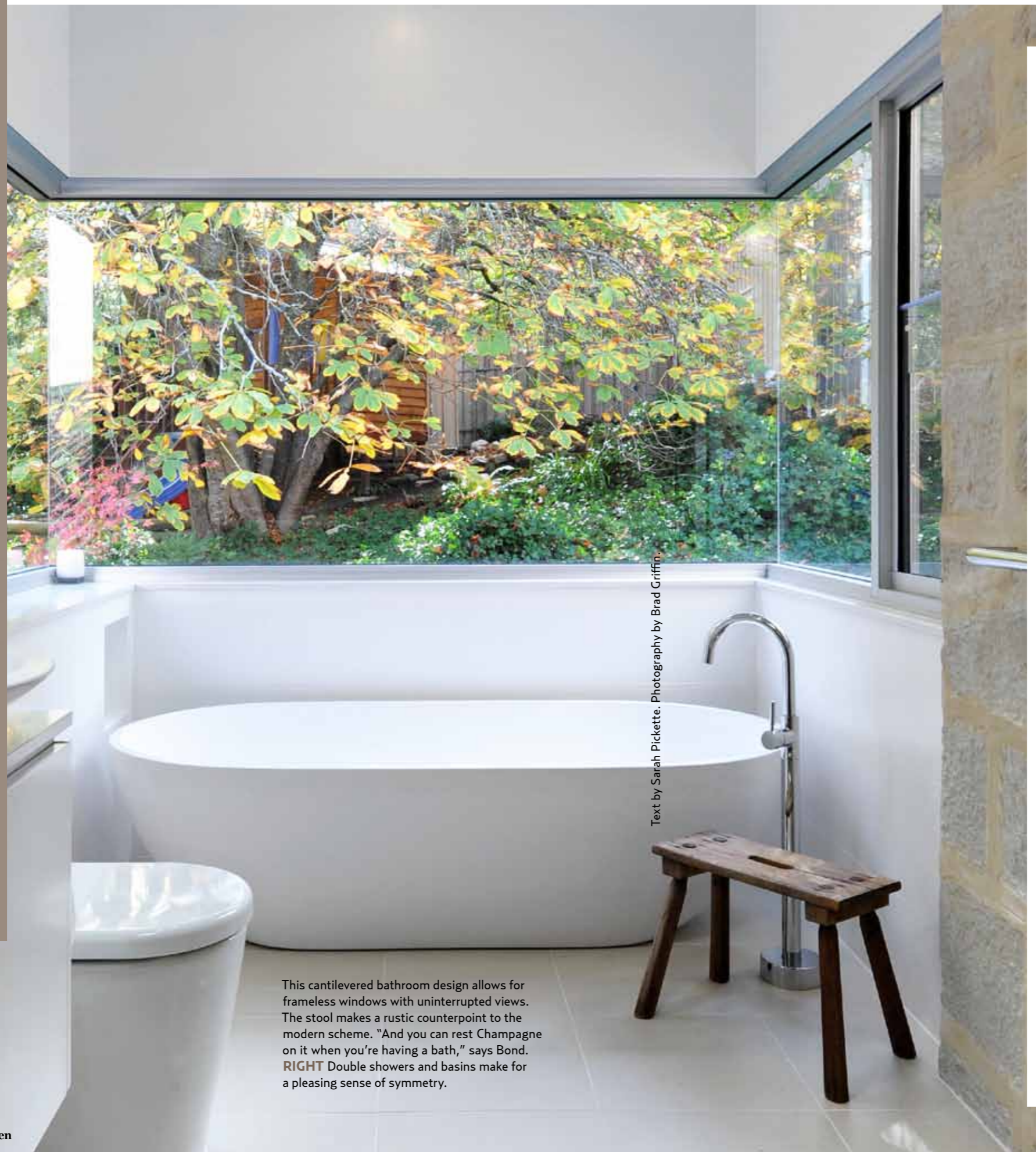
Motivo gooseneck
mixers \$450/each

Motivo rainshower
showerheads \$330/each

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236. Prices are approximate
and pertain to time of
installation.

Cube Architects,
Fullarton, SA; (08)
8379 5222 or www.cubearchitects.com.au.

Tiles By Kate, Manly
Vale, NSW; (02)
9949 4300 or www.tilesbykate.com.au.



Text by Sarah Pickette. Photography by Brad Griffin.

This cantilevered bathroom design allows for frameless windows with uninterrupted views. The stool makes a rustic counterpoint to the modern scheme. "And you can rest Champagne on it when you're having a bath," says Bond. **RIGHT** Double showers and basins make for a pleasing sense of symmetry.

TURNING A NEW LEAF

THE BRIEF

The owners of this 1880s sandstone home in the Adelaide Hills wanted a contemporary ensuite that still felt connected to the rest of the home. "Warm materials were top of our list. That's where the idea of using sandstone to create a feature wall came in," says homeowner Jessica Bond, who commissioned Cube Architects and interior designer Georgie Wicks of Tiles By Kate to realise her vision.

THE DESIGN

Cantilevered over a laundry below, this ensuite wraps around the sandstone exterior of the original home. "We love the warmth of the sandstone, so it made sense to incorporate it into the design," says Bond. "We had it cleaned and sealed, and now it's our favourite element of the bathroom."

The sandstone also informed the choice of soft beige porcelain tiles from Tiles by Kate, the perfect complement.

With a generous amount of space to play with, there was room for a custom-made 180cm vanity with Caesarstone top and twin basins. The vanity draws the eye along to the freestanding bath that nestles at one end of the room. At 178cm long, the stone bath is large enough to accommodate Bond's three children, or for one adult to stretch out with a book.

The addition was carefully proportioned to fit in with the home's existing gables, says architect Hans Grauwelman of Cube Architects. It's also set at an elevation that's just right for maximising views of the garden.

"The Adelaide Hills has beautiful seasons and I love that the outlook changes continually," says Bond.

Such is the calibre of the work here that the builders, Szabo Constructions, took out both the Best New Bathroom over \$55,001 category and the title of South Australian Bathroom Project of the Year in the state's 2012 HIA-CSR awards.



"We absolutely love the feel of our bathroom," says Bond. "It has a sense of luxury to it – the underfloor heating is beautiful in winter – but it's also an extremely practical space for the whole family."

THE DETAILS

"The existing external sandstone wall was retained inside the bathroom as a reminder of the original built form," says Grauwelman. "Other materials were selected to complement the sandstone and to create a serene space that allowed views of the external private garden to dominate. Entry to the ensuite is via a concealed wardrobe door, in order to keep the simplicity of the bedroom intact." >